

REMARKS

Claims 2-18, 20-36, and 38-46 are now pending in the application. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 19 and 37 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these Claims in one or more continuing applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 20-29, 31, 32 and 38-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claims 2, 3, 11, 14, 20, 21, 29, 32, 38, 39 and 40-42 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are therefore allowable. Claims 4-10, 13, 22-28, 31 and 38-39 now depend from an allowable claim and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons.

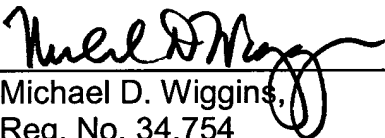
In addition, Claims 12, 15, and 17 now depend upon allowable Claim 2 and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons. Claims 30, 33, and 35 now depend on allowable claim 20 and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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